

## City of Malibu

## John Sibert, Mayor

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Citizens Redistricting Commission 1130 K Street, Suite 101 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair and Members of the Commission:

I would first like to congratulate you on your appointments to this important commission and thank you for taking on this daunting task to ensure equal and fair representation for all citizens of California.

The City of Malibu and the surrounding communities are deeply intertwined in numerous issues and challenges and, as such, we believe it would be in Malibu's best interest to keep the local districts together and unchanged. In particular, the five member cities of the Las Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments (Malibu, Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills and Westlake Village) have addressed and continue to face shared environmental, transportation and public safety issues. From wildfires to safe travel in the canyons and along Pacific Coast Highway, these communities confront many common challenges and depend on local elected officials to work with them to meet those challenges. In addition, the coastal communities of the Santa Monica Bay region, as well as the neighboring areas that impact water quality in the Santa Monica Bay, must be able to continue to work together to improve public health by ensuring clean, safe water for all of our residents and the millions of visitors who visit our beaches and parks.

I will represent the City of Malibu and its interests at local Redistricting Commission meetings and I look forward to working with you on this matter. I also serve as Vice Chairman of the Las Virgenes-Malibu COG and on the Governing Board of the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission. Both bodies have expressed similar concerns at recent meetings and will be communicating with the Commission separately. If there is any additional information we can provide, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Sibert Mayor

cc: Honorable Members of the Malibu City Council

Jim Thorsen, City Manager